

SYNOPSIS.

MISCELLANEOUS TRIALS.

- CANADIAN,
- no CZECHOSLOVAK,
- ✓ POLISH,
- no GREEK,
- CHINESE,
- DUTCH,
- ✓ NORWEGIAN.

Date Submitted

Decision of Committee I

III. Canadian Transcripts.

1) Trial against S.S. Brigadeführer Kurt Meyer.

Date & Place of Trial: Canadian Military Court held at Aurich, Germany, 10th-28th December 1945.
Charge: Killing and ill-treatment of Canadian and other Allied prisoners of war. (Six charges).
Verdict: Guilty of responsibility in connection with the shooting of Canadian prisoners of war, but not guilty of issuing any direct orders for such shooting.
Sentence: Death by shooting. Findings confirmed, but sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

III. Canadian Trials.

2) Trial of Wilhelm Jung and Johann Georg Schumacher.

Date & Place of Trial: 15 - 25 March 1946 at Aurich, Germany before a Canadian Military Court.
Charge: Committing a war crime in that they at the village of Oberweiler, Kreis Rastatt, Germany, on or about the 29th July 1944, in violation of the laws and usages of war, were concerned in the killing of a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, a Prisoner of War.
Verdict: Both Guilty.
Sentences: Death by shooting, Confirmed on April 11th.

3) Trial of Johann Neitz.

Date & Place of Trial: 15-25 March 1946, at Aurich, Germany, before a Canadian Military Court.
Charge: (1) Committing a war crime in that he, in or near Wilhelmshaven, Germany, on or about the 16th day of October 1944, in violation of the laws and usages of war, did fire, with intent to kill, two shots from a firearm, into the body of a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, a prisoner of war.
(2) (Alternative to the first charge). Committing a war crime in that he, in or near Wilhelmshaven, Germany, on or about the 16th day of October 1944, in violation of the laws and usages of war, wounded the same member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, a prisoner of war, by firing two shots from a firearm into his person.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Imprisonment for life, confirmed on April 8th.

4) Trial of Robert Hölzer, Walter Weigel and Wilhelm Ossenbach.

Date & Place of Trial: 25th March - 6th April 1946 at Aurich, Germany, before a Canadian Military Court.
Charge: Committing a war crime in that they near the town of Opladen, Germany, during the month of March 1945, in violation of the laws and usages of war were concerned in the killing of an unknown member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, a prisoner of war.

Verdict: All three guilty.
Sentences: Hölzer and Weiger, death by shooting. Ossenbach, imprisonment for 15 years. Sentences confirmed on May 2nd.

V. Translations of Broadcast Reports on Czechoslovak Trials.

- 1) Trial against Josef Pfitzner, Deputy Mayor of Prague.
Date & Place of Trial: Extraordinary People's Court, Prague,
5th and 6th September 1945.
Charge: High Treason and treachery.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death by hanging.
- 2) Trial against S.S.Obergruppenfuehrer Walter Schmitt,
Date & Place of Trial: Extraordinary People's Court, Prague,
18th September 1945.
Charge: Responsibility for crimes committed in Concentration
Camps Mauthausen, Schlossenburg, Ravensbruck,
Sachsenhausen and other places.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death by hanging.
- 3) Trial against Franz Kopler,
Date & Place of Trial: Extraordinary People's Court, Prague,
18th September 1945.
Charge: Torture of political prisoners in Gestapo prison.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Penal Servitude for 20 years.

VI. Summaries Received from the Polish Representative.

- 1) Trial against Herman Vogel and 5 others.
Date & Place of Trial: Polish Special Criminal Court in Lublin,
27th November 1944 and 2nd December 1944.
Charge: Crimes committed in the extermination camp
Majdanek.
Verdict: All the accused were found guilty.
Sentences: Death by hanging.
- 2) Trial against Paul Hoffman, supervisor of the crematorium at the
death camp of Majdanek.
Date & Place of Trial: Special Criminal Court at Lublin,
13th and 14th November 1945.
Charge: Mass murder of camp inmates at Majdanek.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death. The prisoner was executed on 23rd December 1945.

VI. Polish Cases.

- 3) Trial of Jan Wojke.
Date of Trial: 29th March 1947. (Place not given).
Charge: Complicity in killing of some 300 Poles and Jews,
ill-treatment and deportation of civilians.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 4) Trial of John Pauls and 14 others, members of the Stutthof
Concentration Camp staff.
Date & Place of Trial: 29th April - 9th May and 21 - 31 May
1946 at Gdansk.
Charge: Murder and ill-treatment of the inmates of the
concentration camp.
Verdict: Not guilty, 2.
Guilty, 13.
Sentences: Death, 11,
Imprisonment for 5 years, 1,
" " 3 " , 1.
- 5) Trial of Artur Groiser.
Date & Place of Trial: 21 June - 9 July 1946 at Poznan.
Charge: Membership in criminal organisation (NSDAP). Crimes
against Peace, complicity in murder, mass murder,
torture and ill-treatment, systematic destruction of
Polish culture, pillage, Germanisation and confiscation
of public and private property, and other crimes.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
The defendant was tried by the Polish Supreme National
Tribunal.
- 6) Trial of Amon Goeth.
Date & Place of Trial: 27 August - 5 September 1946 in Cracow,
before the Polish Supreme National Tribunal.
Charge: Membership in criminal organisations (NSDAP, Waffen
SS), arrests, ill-treatment and extermination of
individuals and groups of people, mass murder and
ill-treatment of Jews, Poles and other nationals, and
other crimes.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.

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- 7) Trial of Leon Gross and Majer Kerner.
Date & Place of Trial: Date not specified; held at Krakow.
Charge: Against Gross: Murder, ill-treatment of civilians and other crimes.
Against Kerner: Torture and ill-treatment of civilians.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 8) Trial of Herman Szmalo.
Date & Place of Trial: Date not specified; held at Lodz.
Charge: Murder and ill-treatment of civilians.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 9) Trial of Gotfried Kohn.
Date & Place of Trial: 18th - 19th September 1946 at Lodz.
Charge: Mass murder and arson.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 10) Trial of Gustaw Schmatzler.
Place of Trial: Rzeszow. (Date not specified).
Charge: Mass murder, ill-treatment of civilians, illegal arrests and other crimes.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 11) Trial of Hans Bisbow.
Date & Place of Trial: 23rd - 30th April 1947 at Lodz.
Charge: Murder, ill-treatment, deportation and other crimes.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 12) Trial of Walter Pelzhausen.
Date & Place of Trial: 8th September 1947 at Lodz.
Charge: Mass murder, torture, ill-treatment.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 13) Trial of Ernest Ludwig Dickmann.
Date & Place of Trial: 10th December 1945 at Wroclaw before the Special Court.
Charge: That as head of the Gestapo in Sroda he was responsible for the murder of 93 prisoners of war and the shooting of two Germans who tried to help the prisoners.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 14) Trial of Richard Radko, Commander of a German gendarme unit in Lomza.
Date & Place of Trial: 12th June 1947 at Lomza before the District Court.
Charge: Systematic terrorism and mass murder of the civilian population in Lomza during 1943 - 1945.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 15) Trial of Rudolph Franz Ferdinand Hoess.
Date & Place of Trial: 11th March - 2nd April 1947 at Warsaw before the Supreme National Court.
Charge: Responsibility for offences while in command of the Oswiecim Camp, from May 1940 to October 1943.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.

- 16) Trial of Ludwig Fischer, Ludwig Loist, Joseph Meisinger and
Lt. Col. Max Daum.
Date & Place of Trial: 17th December 1946 - 3rd March 1947
before the Supreme National Court in Warsaw.
Charge: Their activities as Governor of Warsaw, Burgomaster
of Warsaw, Chief of Gestapo in the Warsaw district
and Chief of Police in the Warsaw district respectively.
Verdict: All guilty.
Sentences: Loist, Imprisonment for 8 years.
All others sentences to death.
- 17) Trial of Alfons Wilhelm Kolasa.
Date & Place of Trial: ? 1946 before the District Court in Poznan.
Charge: That as a member of the Nazi Hilfspolizei he was
responsible for atrocities and ill-treatment.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Imprisonment for life.
- 18) Trial of Emil Hein.
Date & Place of Trial: 1945 before the Special Court in Poznan.
Charge: That as head of a squad unit of the NSDAP he was
concerned in ill-treatment resulting in death and
murder.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 19) Trial of Herman Szaubelsky, member of the Nazi police in Ozeszchowa.
Date & Place of Trial: 4 - 5th June 1946 at Warsaw.
Charge: Atrocities, false denunciation to the Gestapo and
complicity in deportations to extermination camps.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 20) Trial of Alfred Bakinstoss, deputy chief of the "Sonderdienst" in
Siedlce.
Date & Place of Trial: 28th June 1946 before the Special Court in
Warsaw.
Charge: Mass murder.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 21) Trial of Karl Gallach, official in the camp of Grossrosen.
Date & Place of Trial: 16th - 17th May 1947 at Wroclaw.
Charge: Mass murder, atrocities and ill-treatment resulting
in death.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 22) Trial of Wladislaus Lidtke.
Date & Place of Trial: 1946 at Warsaw.
Charge: Murder of two workers; false denunciation, and
handing over to the Gestapo of five other workers.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.

VI. Polish Trials:

- 23 Trial of Dr. Joseph Buhler,
24 Trial of Albert Forster.

IX. Greek Cases.

1) Trial of Italian Lt. Giovanni Ravalli and Bulgarian Lt. Anton Kaltcheff.

Date & Place of Trial: 15th February 1946 before the Special War Crimes Court of Athens,

Charge: (1) Organising the Bulgarian Comitete whose aim was the Bulgarisation of West Macedonia,
(2) Directing and procuring arms, ammunition and money to Bulgarian Comitadjis of West Macedonia.
(3) Illtreatment, torture, unlawful imprisonment and deportation of civilians.
(4) Terrorism, (5) Rape, (6) Murders, Massacres.
(7) Pillage, (8) Wanton destruction of property.

Verdict: Guilty.

Sentences: Imprisonment for life.

IX. Greek Cases:

2) Trial of Friedrich Wilhelm Mueller, General of Infantry, Bruno Oswald Braeuer, Gen. of Parachutists, and Sgt. Fritz Schubert.

Date & Place of Trial: 31st October 1946 at Athens.

Charge: Murders, arson, rape, systematic terrorism, torture, etc.

Verdict: Case against Schubert separated because of his absence. The other two were found guilty.

Sentences: Death.

X. Chinese Cases.

1) Trial of Takashi Sakai

Date & Place of Trial: 27th August 1946 before a Chinese War Crimes Military Tribunal of the Ministry of National Defence, Nanking.

Charge: Participation in the war of aggression and of inciting or permitting his subordinates to murder prisoners of war, wounded soldiers and non-combatants; to rape, plunder, deport civilians; to indulge in cruel punishment and torture and to cause destruction of property.

Verdict: Guilty.

Sentence: Death.

XI). Dutch Cases.

1) Trial of Yamura Saburoh.

Date & Place of Trial: 13th September 1946 before a Netherlands
Temporary Courts Martial at Balikpapan, (N.E.I.)

Charge: That he systematically carried out a reign of
terror against civilians and prisoners of war at Sanga-
Sanga, N.E.I., that he repeatedly and unnecessarily
ill-treated them even when ill, in a manner far
exceeding the limits of the normal exercise of
discipline.

Verdict: Guilty.

Sentence: Death.
Confirmed.

XI. Dutch Cases:

2) Trial of Yamamoto Soichi.

Date & Place of Trial: 31st October 1946 before a Netherlands
Temporary Court Martial at Pontianak.

Charge: Mass murder and provocation to mass murder through
misuse of authority.

Verdict: Guilty.

Sentence: Death.

XI. Dutch Trials:

3. Tanabe Koshiro
4. Washio Awochi
5. Suzuki Motosuke,
6. Okihara Goro
7. Seitaro Fujiwara,
8. Ishikawa Hiroyuki
9. Shigeki Motomura et al.
10. Wilhelm Friedrich Walter Herbsch.
11. Werner Wilhelm Heinrich Hasse
12. Hans Albin Hauser
13. Alfred Richard Boettcher
14. Abraham Robert Esau
15. Takeo Yamada
16. Takeo Sugibayashi
17. August Louis Wilhelm Ahlbrecht
18. Mr. Minno Katsuno
19. Yamura Saburoh
20. Tamamoto Soichi
21. Kirmura Seikon
22. Takamura Akio
23. Friedrich August Enkelstrotth
24. Horie Kengū
25. Kenitji Sone
26. Shoichi Ikeda et al
27. Yoshifumi Sakurai and Hisayuki Akiyama
28. Okihara Goro
29. Tanagishi Toshihide
30. Friedrich Christian Christiansen,
31. Fritz Wilhelm Hermann Fullriede,
32. Minoru Hatada, et al.

XII). Norwegian Cases.

- 1) Trial of Karl-Hans Hermann Klinge.
Date & Place of Trial: 27th February 1946 before the Supreme Court of Norway.
Charge: Torture of 18 Norwegian citizens, of whom one died as a result of the ill-treatment.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
- 2) Trial of Richard Wilhelm Hermann Bruns and 2 others.
Date & Place of Trial: 20th March 1946 before the Eidsivating Lagmannsrett, (Court of Criminal Appeal).
Charge: (1) Murder,
(2) Brutal torture of Norwegian citizens.
Verdict: All defendants found guilty of the torture charges.
Sentence: Death by shooting, 3.
- 3) Trial of Kriminalsekretær Willie August Kesting, and Interpreter Nils Peter Bernhard Hjelmsberg.
Date & Place of Trial: By the Gulatings Lagmannsrett, March 1946, and by the Supreme Court of Norway, July 1946.
Charge: Murder and brutal torture.
Verdict: Both accused found guilty of one murder and of all instances of torture and ill-treatment.
Sentences: Kesting: Death by shooting.
Hjelmsberg: Imprisonment for life.
The Supreme Court later rejected Kesting's appeal and sentenced Hjelmsberg to death.
- 4) Trial of Emil Hugo Friedrich Koeber, a Prison Guard,
Date & Place of Trial: By the Froesating Lagmannsrett, January 1946 and by the Supreme Court, 12th March 1947.
Charge: Murder.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death.
Confirmed.
- 5) Trial of Hauptsturmführer Wilhelm Artur Konstatin Wagner.
Date & Place of Trial: By the Eidsivating Lagmannsrett, August to October 1946 and by the Supreme Court, April 1947.
Charge: Being concerned in the deportation and death of 521 Norwegian Jews.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentence: Death by shooting.
Sentence reduced by the Supreme Court to Penal Servitude for 20 years.
- 6) Trial of Ludwig Zirk, Theophil Siegfried Schädlich and Alois Gamauf.
Date & Place of Trial: March 1947 by the Haalogoland Lagmannsrett.
Charge: Brutal torture of Norwegian citizens.
Verdict: All found guilty.
Sentences: All three were sentenced to hard labour for life.
- 7) Trial of Johan Arndt and 3 others.
Date & Place of Trial: By the Gulatings Lagmannsrett, September 1946 and by the Supreme Court, August 1947.
Charge: Brutal torture of Norwegian prisoners which in two cases resulted in the victims' death.
Verdict: Guilty.
Sentences: Death by shooting, 2,
Penal Servitude for 20 years, 2.
Three of the accused appealed. Two death sentences were reduced to Penal Servitude for life. The sentence of penal servitude for 20 years was upheld.